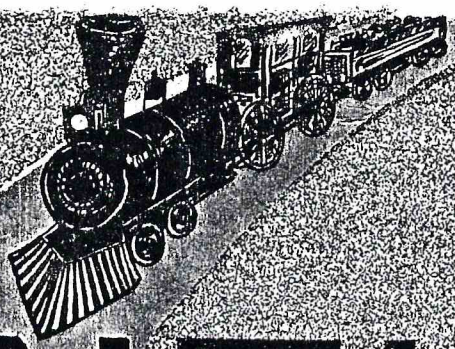

CENTURY OF PROGRESS

1853 ~ 1953

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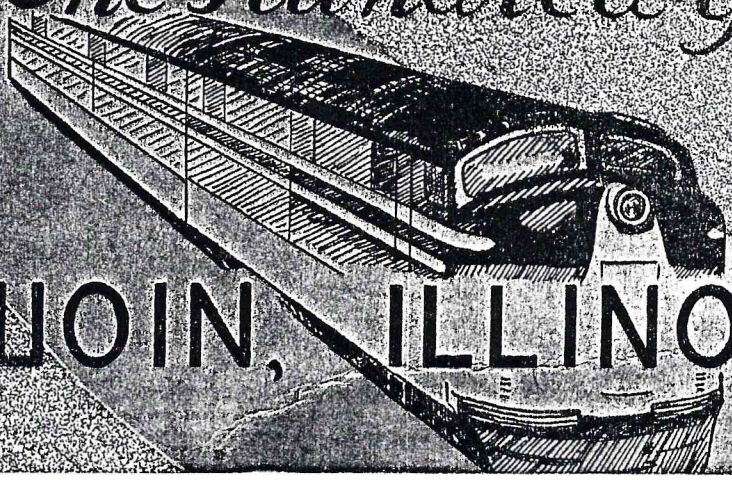

DU QUOIN, ILLINOIS

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HATS OFF TO DU QUOIN

A SALUTE to our Pioneer Citizens will be an appropriate preface for this centennial booklet. To them belongs the honor for the progress and achievements of the past hundred years which have made Du Quoin the thriving little city that it is today. They started from scratch, and through their example of effort and patience each generation has been prompted to carry on and continue to build and progress. We, as a result, are today the happy recipients of one among the best and most modern communities of this part of the great state of Illinois. We could mention such names as Keyes, Wards, Davis, Kimmel, Hayes, Hall, Croessman and many others whose names space will not permit us to mention, all of whom pioneered in the building and development of Du Quoin, and started it up the road of progress toward the development of the wonderful little city it is today.

They—at least the most of them—have passed on to their Eternal Reward, but many of their sons and daughters, who now constitute the Pioneers of Du Quoin, are still here and are extremely active in the progress of our beloved city. Again we say "Hats Off" to the Pioneer Fathers of Du Quoin.

It would be unfitting to close this preface without a salute and cheer to the present and younger generation of religious, civic, and forward-looking men, women, and organizations which have inherited and cheerfully shouldered the responsibility of pushing forward to greater and better things for a greater and better Du Quoin.

We, as one of the latest business enterprises of Du Quoin, pledge to you our cooperation in faithfully carrying out the work and progress of you and your fathers and to help make the next hundred years a century of *even greater progress* for the city of Du Quoin.

I. B. DUNAWAY, EDITOR

THE THEOBOLD HOME BAKERY is one of the oldest industrial institutions of Du Quoin. While it is not a large industrial institution, it is an important one and has a substantial part in the development of Du Quoin.

The business was started by Capt. Moses Martin some 60 years ago. Of Captain Martin's life and historical record, we have but little information except that found in a newspaper report of his burial as reported in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, June 20 (year not known). The report follows:

"DU QUOIN, ILL., June 20.—The funeral service of Capt. Moses Martin of this city, who died in a St. Louis hospital, following an operation for the removal of a tumor, will be conducted by Rev. Adam K. Adcock at the Main Street Christian Church here tomorrow afternoon. The services will be under the auspices of Loomis Post, G. A. R., of which the deceased was commander at the time of his death.

"The deceased, a veteran of the civil war, located in Du Quoin in 1865 and had resided here since. For twenty-five years he was actively identified with the Southern Illinois Soldiers and Sailors' Reunion Association, and had held various official positions. He served several terms as a member of the Du Quoin City Council, and about fifteen years ago he began the operation of the first steam bakery in Southern Illinois. He recently disposed of his interests here and for the past several months his health had steadily declined. Politically he was a staunch Republican all his life. One daughter, Mrs. Blanche Martin Mason, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, survives."

Frank Theobald bought the bakery from Captain Martin and operated it until his death in November, 1940. Since that time his son, Connie, has been in charge of the bakery business.

The pictures shown here are those of Frank and his wife, Mary. Mrs. Theobald, who still lives in their old home on the corner of Division and Poplar Streets, came to Du Quoin in 1883 at the age of 10 months. Her father, Mr. Pflanz, was a butcher on West Main Street. Their young daughter, Mary Pflanz, grew up in Du Quoin and became the wife of the late Frank Theobald and it is this pioneer couple around which the story of the Theobald Home Bakery is hinged. Mrs. Theobald still devotes a portion of her time at and in the interest of the bakery.

From Push-Cart to Motor-Fleet

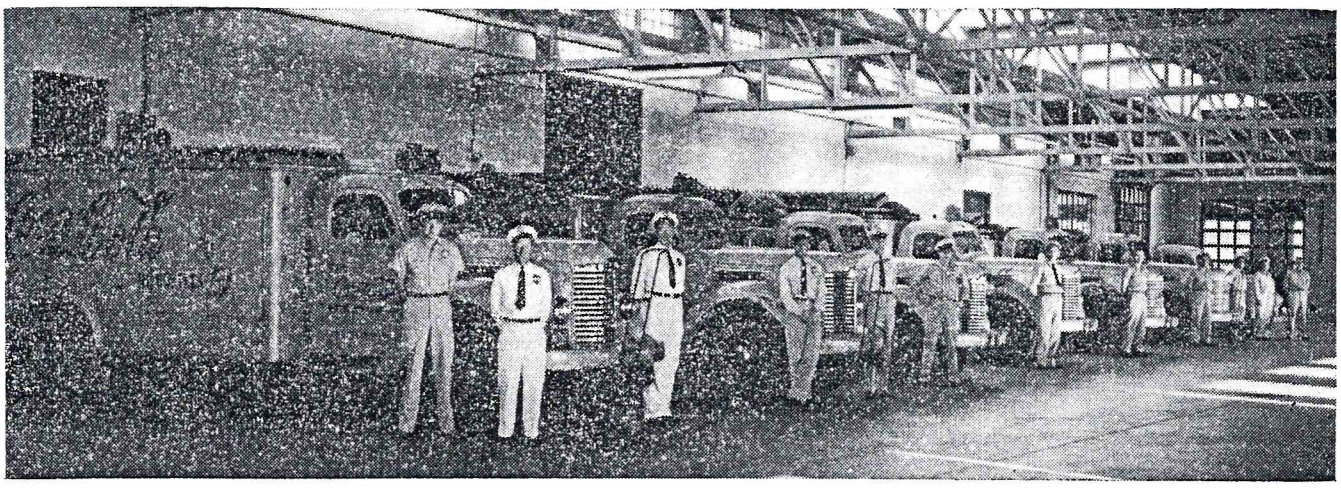
IN 1865, TOM AND TED HAYES, brothers, left England and brought with them to Pennsylvania a knowledge of bottling carbonated beverages. A few years later they settled in Du Quoin and together started the Du Quoin Bottling Works on South Hickory Street. A little later this partnership was dissolved and Ted moved to Murphysboro, where he started another bottling business. Tom Hayes remained in Du Quoin and, in 1873, was married to Mary Henke. They had three children—Catherine, William Richard, and Laura. They moved to a larger house on the corner of Reed and Chestnut Streets and converted half of the stable back of the house into what was to be the second home of the Du Quoin Bottling Company.

Tom was later killed in a mine accident and his children were 9, 6 and 1, respectively. Mary Hayes, the widow, carried on the business with the help of her brother and later, when William Richard was 11 years old, he started delivering soda water in a two-wheel push-cart. This went on until 1892. By the time he was 15, he bought his first horse and wagon and expanded his territory. In 1904, Will took over complete control and his Mother and two sisters moved to California.

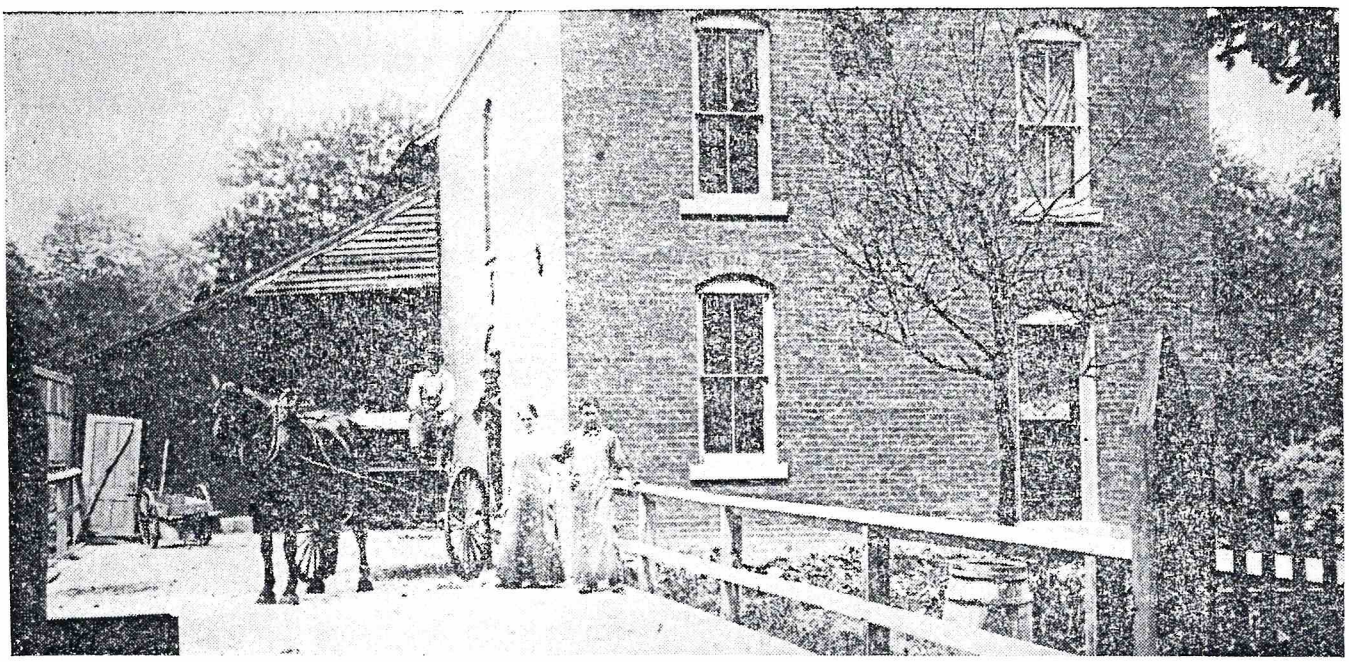
In 1906 a new plant was built on Olive Street and this served as the home of the Du Quoin Coca-Cola Bottling Company until the new building, which now houses this business, was open to the public in October, 1949.

This new plant, pictured at bottom of next page, is one of the bright spots in the recent developments of Du Quoin. It, along with the Du Quoin State Fair, which is also operated by the Hayes family, comprise one of the most noted enterprises of Southern Illinois.

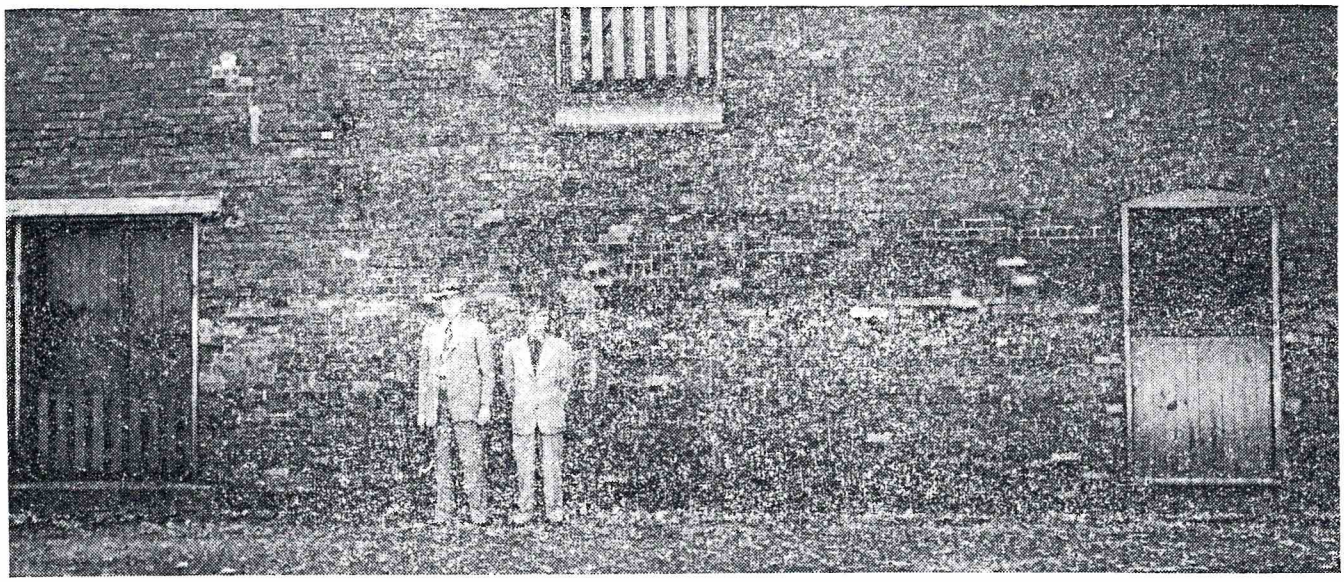
Will Hayes continued as president of the company until his death in September, 1952. After Mr. Hayes death his son, Gene, who had been vice-president for many years, was elected to succeed his father as president of the company and is still serving in that capacity.



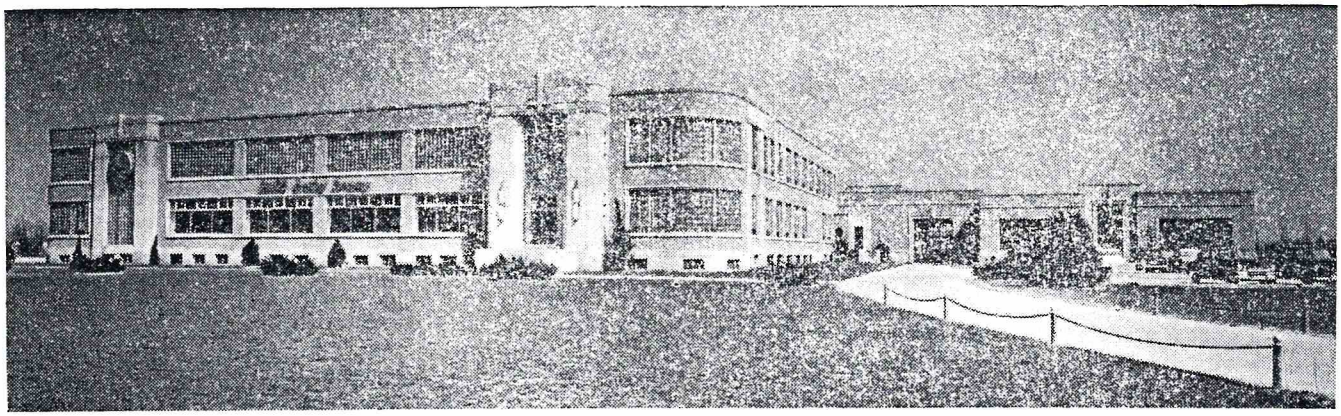
Interior view of the Distributing Department of the new Coca-Cola plant.



Early home of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company, located on Olive Street



William R. Hayes, left, beside a former Coca-Cola plant. (Other man not identified)



New home of the Coca-Cola Bottling Co., erected in 1949, a bright spot in development of Du Quoin

Below is a newspaper story that was printed October 3, 1903. This story, a clipping from the paper of that date has been reserved for fifty years, and was contributed to this publication by Lola Kirkpatrick, 326 East Main St., Du Quoin. As well as thinking of old times and looking at old pictures, it is very nice and interesting to read again some of the stories of the past years, so we are giving you this one that I suspect a lot of people will be very glad to read again.

Joseph H. McElvain

THE OLDEST SETTLER IN PERRY COUNTY

UNCLE HARVEY McELVAIN was born June 10, 1816 in Christian County Kentucky, and the assistant editor of The Advocate found it extremely pleasant to converse with one who has passed through eighty-seven years of life's journey.

His mother was a native of South Carolina and his father of Virginia. With a family of seven boys and two girls they emigrated from the dark and bloody battle grounds of Kentucky to Illinois in 1818 a short time before Illinois was admitted as a state.

They settled near what is now Old Du Quoin and began to make farming their vocation of life. The readers will remember at this eary date many Indians lived in this state and there were two tribes, the "Kaskaskias" and "Shawnees," who inhabited this section of Illinois at the time the McElvain family arrived in this country. There were very few whites in this section and it was all known as Jackson County. After the country became more thickly settled and the indians were crowded out of this part, Jackson County was named Perry County, in honor of Commodore Perry whose victory on Lake Erie was still fresh in the minds of the American people.

Of this brave family of eleven, who had grit enough to move to Illinois at so early a date, only two, the subject of this sketch and his brother, William, who resides in northern Missouri, remain to tell the wonderful stories of their adventures with Indians, bears, deer and wolves.

Uncle Harvey was united in marriage to Miss Ester Lipe, of near St. John, November, 1835, and to this happy couple were born sixteen children, ten of whom still survive. Their dear old mother who journeyed along through this life of hardships with her loving family until God saw fit to call her home, which he did, March 3, 1880, and the family whom she loved and toiled with through sorrows and joys, laid her to rest in the McElvain cemetery.

The six children who, like their dear old mother, have been laid to rest are: Ephrom, Elizabeth (Mrs. Peter Wilks), Joseph, John and Isabella (twins), and an infant who was not named.

The children who survive their mother are occupying such positions in this life as would fill their mother's heart with joy could she but visit their home at the present time. Daniel, a postal clerk who resides in Ft. Scott, Kan., Corydon, resides in Du Quoin and has a position in the Chester Penitentiary; Andrew, well known in this city as one of the most wide-awake merchants and has a family that is respected by all that know them; Robert, a prominent lawyer in Murphysboro and well known in political circles as one of the state representatives of this district; William, an employee in a machine shop in El

Paso, Tex.; Jonas, a prosperous farmer near Du Quoin; Martha, who is now Mrs. Tinsley, resides in East St. Louis, and Misses Ellan and Ursula reside with their aged father on a quiet farm of more than 100 acres which borders on the city of Du Quoin.

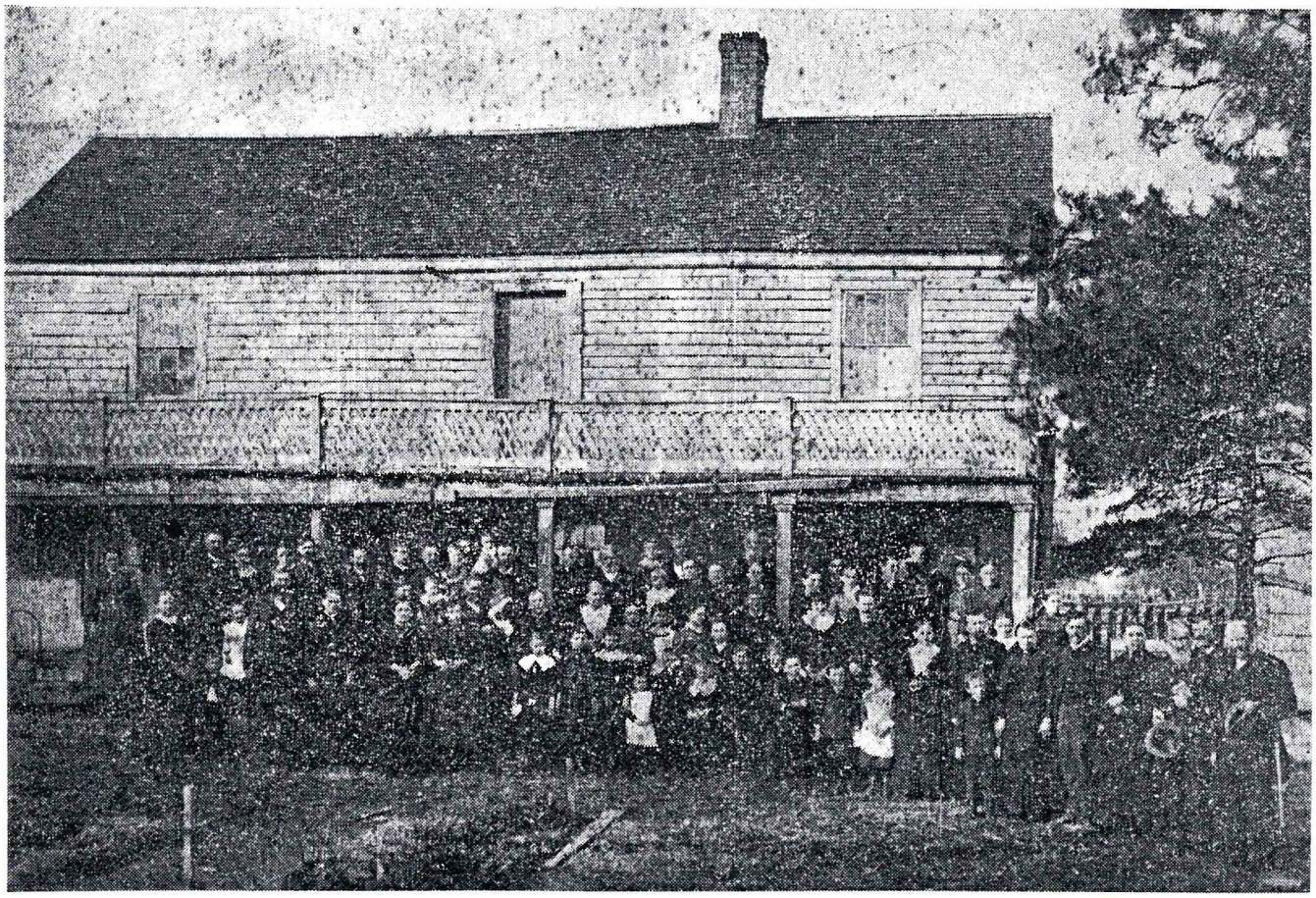
Mr. McElvain, though quite old, is very well and has the same appetite he had when he was a boy of sixteen years. Hs is happy and enjoys life in every way possible for a man of his age and he has the appearance of being permitted to live with his children for several years to come.

He is now the oldest living settler in Perry County and probably in Illinois.

He should be proud, and no doubt is, of being the father of ten living children, grandfather of twenty-nine children, and great-grandfather of twenty-six children, all of whom have followed his footsteps in being true to their friends and loyal to their country.

He was a member of the Whig party and at its downfall he joined the Republican party and has always been one of its loyal supporters.

Special mention should be made of Mrs. Lola Korkpatrick for her splendid help in the preparation of this book. It was she who contributed the newspaper story of her grandfather, Joseph McElvain. The story was published in the Evening Call, October 30, 1903, and had been preserved by Mrs. Kirkpatrick for this half century. Mrs. Kirkpatrick has passed her seventy-fourth birthday and was born and raised in Du Quoin. Her father, the late Corydon Kirkpatrick, was the only surviving Civil War veteran in Perry County until his death in 1938. He lived to the ripe old age of 92.



THIS PICTURE OF THE McELVAIN REUNION *was taken over 50 years ago. You may not be able to recognize very many of those in the group, but many of you will recognize and remember Mr. and Mrs. McElvain, who are also pictured on the preceding page. The McElvain reunion is an annual affair and is still being held each year. It is to be held this year at the Du Quoin Fair Perk, July 19.*

Continued Service Since 1915

FOR THIRTY EIGHT YEARS, and many of them financially stormy, the Du Quoin State Bank has continually grown and served Du Quoin and the surrounding communities. Following is a record of the organization of the bank in 1915:

Thirty eight years ago the Du Quoin State Bank Organization Committee, consisting of Rev. C. J. Eschmann, Dr. J. J. Boeheim, W. W. Parks, Louis Croessmann and John F. Weinberg held a meeting of stock subscribers on Februrary 25, 1915, in the West Side Miners' Hall, for the purpose of electing the first Board of Directors.

John F. Weinberg, Louis Croessmann, Snider Ward, E. C. Searles, J. J. Boeheim, G. H. Knetzger and W. W. Parks were elected Directors. This Board of Directors then

elected the following officers: W. W. Parks, president; G. H. Knetzger, vice president; J. J. Buckshaw, cashier; V. G. Croessmann, assistant cashier.

The Du Quoin State Bank opened for business on April 7, 1915. From its organization to now, through good times and bad, through full work weeks in the mines and in slack times, through bumper crops and years of drouth, through years of $3.00 hogs and years of $30.00 hogs, through all the Defense, War and Savings Bond drives, through the days of ration stamps and through two World Wars, this bank has continued to serve this community.

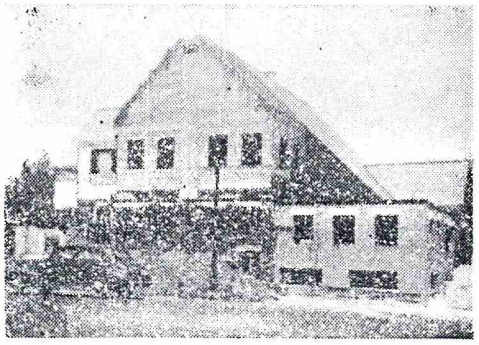
The officers and directors of the Du Quoin State Bank are some of the most valued, wide-awake, progressive businessmen of Du Quoin. There is not room here, nor is there any need to speak expressly of each of them, but it does seem fitting to emphasize the fact that Mr. W. W. Parks is the first and only president the bank has ever had.

Mr. Parks, pictured here, was born in Du Quoin in 1866. His father, the late S. G. Parks, many of you will remember as one of Du Quoin's prominent attorneys. As a boy the young Mr. Parks worked in a drug store and later attended and graduated from a school of pharmacy in Chicago. He later established a drug business in Du Quoin which he operated for 40 years. He was largely responsible for the organization of the Du Quoin State Bank in 1915 and became its first president. That position he still holds.

MR. W. W. PARKS

Though he has passed his 87th birthday and his physical condition is not too good, he still spends a portion of his time in his office in the bank taking care of his official business.

The Churches are a MUST in our Road toward Progress



METHODIST CHURCH (under construction)

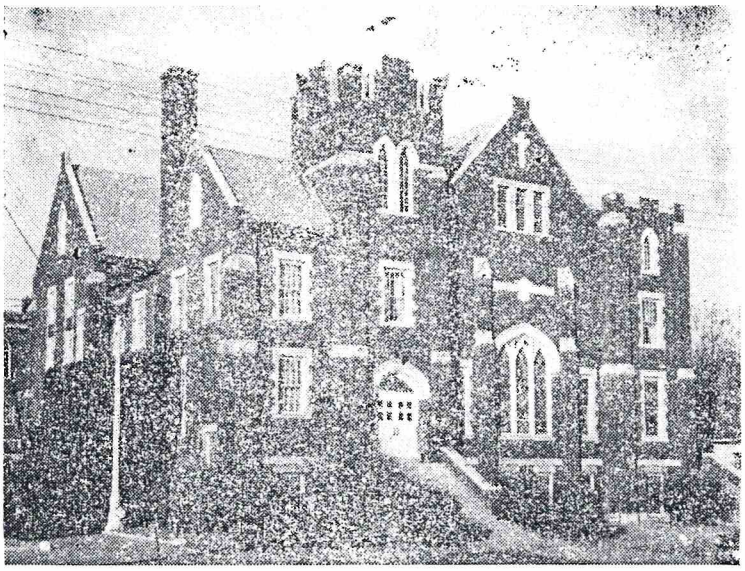
THIS BOOK would not look right and would be incomplete without due respect being paid to the Churches and their work and influence upon our progress and growth.

No community can be what it should be when the spiritual interest of its citizens is neglected. Had it not been for the churches of Du Quoin, it is extremely doubtful if there would be any Du Quoin.

Fortunately we have been blessed by having this all important phase of society amply looking after us and the spiritual development is as outstanding as the material development.

Du Quoin has 12 churches, all with full-time pastors and are doing a splendid job in the religious development of our city.

At this particular time one of our churches, the First Methodist, is in process of remodeling their church building, picture above, which is another indication of the forward trend.



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

To mention and picture all the churches would require more than the allotted space in this souvenir booklet. Those that are mentioned are given as an example of the trend of all the churches, each sharing in our past progress.

The organization of the First Christian Church in Du Quoin dates back almost to the founding of the town. It was the first church built in the new town, then consisting of only two or three dozen houses, scattered over the prairies. Three sisters, Grandma Williams, Mrs. McElvain and Mrs. Wells and their families, were largely responsible for the church's organization in 1857. The first building was contracted by Elder Elias Heape, the lot being donated by Chester A. Keyes. The trustees of the church at that time were Abner J. Williams, William Stacy and Isaac Wheatley.

This building housed the congregation for both church and Sunday School for thirty-four years. Under the faithful ministry of Rev. J. J. Harris a step forward was taken in the building of a new church on East Main Street. Early in his ministry to this church R. A. Harmon saw the need of more room for the ever-growing church and Sunday School. It was under his leadership and guidance the movement for a new building was begun, and on March 2, 1925 the work actually began, being dedicated on December 6 of the same year.

First Christian is blessed with the heritage of almost 100 years. May it continue through the years, meeting the opportunities which a new century for Christ will place before us.

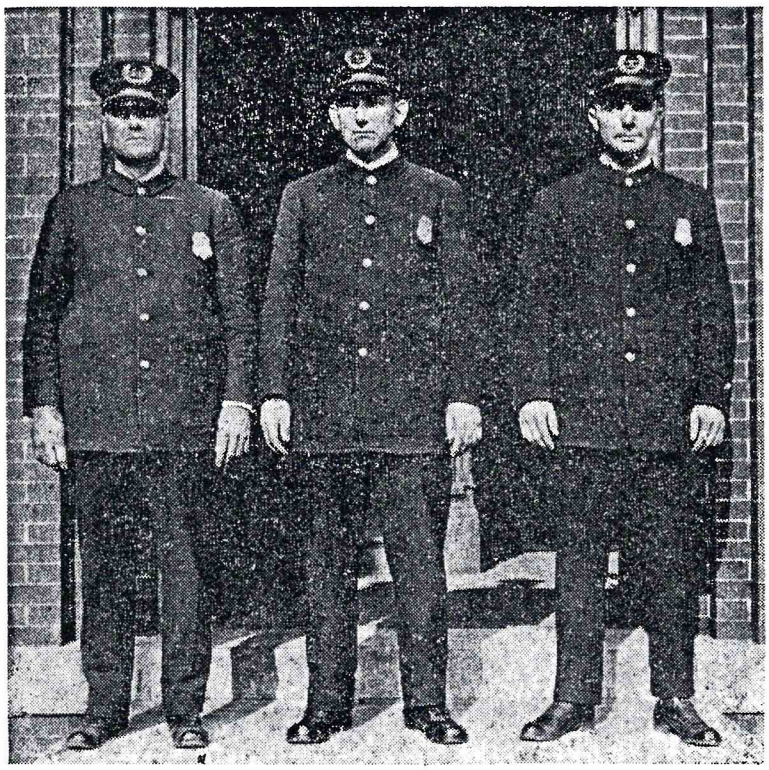
Remember the Old Livery Stable?

. . . Well, the Barn is a "gone relic," but no doubt many of you have memories of the livery barn in Du Quoin. According to our source of information, it was located on South Division Street where the A & P Grocery now stands. Though we are not sure of its origin, we know that it was operated at an early date by Snyder Ward.

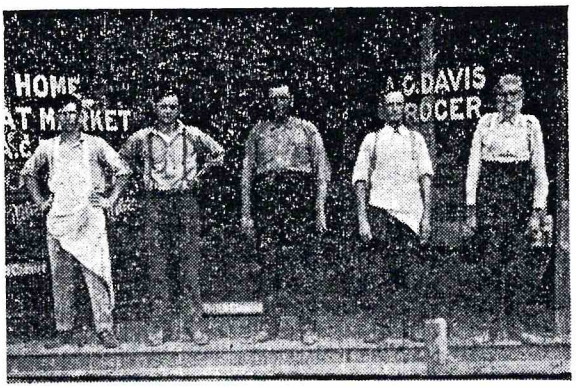
In 1916 the barn was purchased by Mr. Albert C. Davis, now 78 years of age, and his brother Edgar Davis. The Davis family operated it until it was abandoned and replaced by the coming of motor transportation.

Mr. Davis (Albert C.), has had quite an active career in Du Quoin and in Perry County. He was at one time Chief of Police, and served as Sheriff of Perry County from 1922 to 1926. He served as Assessor-Treasurer from 1926 to 1930, and was again elected Sheriff and served as such until 1934. Prior to his service as a public officer, he operated the Sanitary Meat Market on East Main Street (picture below).

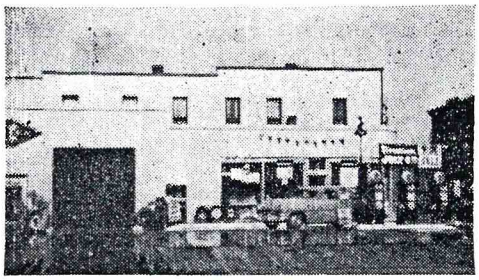
His son, Loren W. Davis operates the DX Service Station on the corner of Main and Washington Streets. Although Mr. Davis has 78 years behind him, he still keeps himself busy around his son's service station and is quite helpful on the job.



LEFT TO RIGHT, Albert C. Davis, Charlie Fox, Bill Atteeberry as they appeared on the Du Quoin Police Department early in this century.



This is an early picture of the old Sanitary Market operated by the Davis family in the 200 block of East Main, same location as today's Sanitary Market.



DAVIS DX SERVICE STATION

38 YEARS OF INDUSTRIAL

THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF DU QUOIN began 29 years ago when the Du Quoin Packing Company established the packing plant northeast of city limits. The company was incorporated and began operating in 1924 and has today developed into a very modern packing plant that is not only a bright spot in our past progress, but is continually keeping abreast of modern-day progressive developments.

The Du Quoin Packing Plant is the largest of its kind in Southern Illinois. It has created a fine market for stock raisers and farmers of this section of the state, as well as furnishing employment for a substantial number of people.

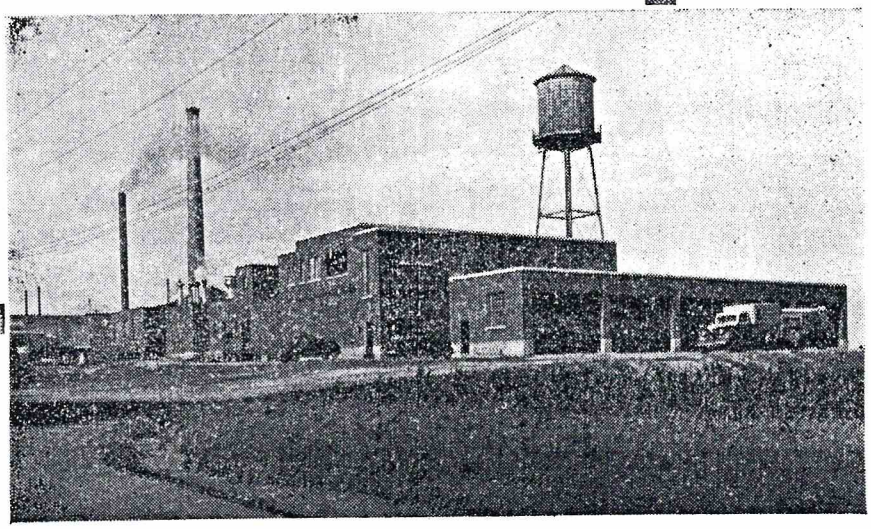
Their famous Blue Bell meat products are among the most popular brands of the country, and are highly favored by many people even away from Du Quoin. (Incidentally, I, the writer of this story, know

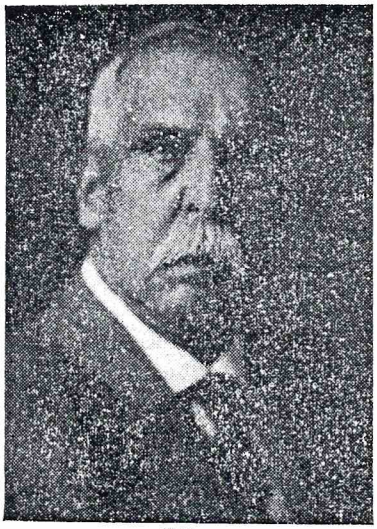
DEVELOPMENT . . .

people as far away as St. Louis who will drive to Du Quoin to get a Blue Bell ham if they cannot find it closer.)

They operate a fleet of refrigerator trucks in which their products are distributed over this entire sales territory.

This industrial institution is one of Du Quoin's greatest assets and is designed to continue to grow in size and prominence as the years pass. The picture below shows a part of the Du Quoin Packing Plant and grounds, located on the northeast outskirts of the city, as they appear today.



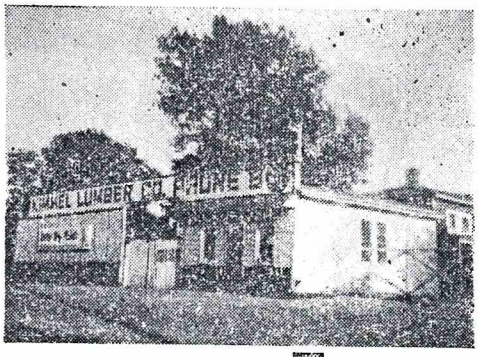


A Tribute to 70 Yea

WHEN DU QUOIN was only four years old, in 1857, a baby was born in the near-by little town of Elkville, who was to play an important part in the growth and development of Du Quoin during its first one hnndred years of growth and progress. Perhaps that mother never thought of her young son becoming one of the pioneer and progressive businessmen of the then young and growing little town of Du Quoin. That boy was the late D· L. Kimmel, pictured above.

Mr. Kimmel, when quite a young man and before his marriage, bought a lumber yard from Dr. Pope and became the founder of the Kimmel Lumber Company, one of Du Quoin's pioneer and valuable business enterprises. The picture below, to the right, shows the lumber yard as it looked some 50 years agowhen C. E. Kimmel, the present owner, was just a lad. (C. E. Kimmel is shown in the picture on a delivery wagon).

This business has continued in the hands of the Kimmel family since its purchase from Dr. Pope by Mr. Kimmel.



f Community Service

The old home of the late D. L. Kimmel at 129 South Division Street, built by Mr· Kimmel some 50 years ago, is still one of the better residences of Du Quoin. While it doesn't have the appearance in style as a modern residence, it does reflect credit to Du Quoin and to the builder, Mr. Kimmel. The home is now owned and occupied by one of Du Quoin's mail carriers, Mr. Robert E. Mann.

It would not be exaggerating to say that the Kimmels and the Kimmel Lumber Company have been major factors in the building and progress of Du Quoin.

Congratulations

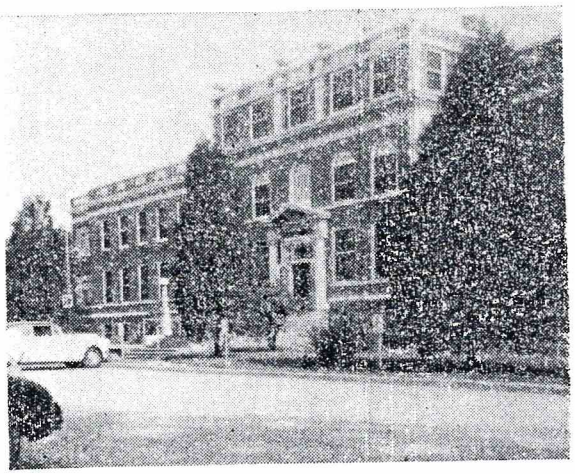
to

Du Quoin

from the DU QUOIN NATIONAL BANK

As one of the younger business enterprises of Du Quoin, we have been privileged to share but a small part of the first 100 years; but we do wish to congratulate the men and women who have made Du Quoin the nice little city it is today. We are glad, however, to be privileged to participate in our future development and pledge assistance in every way possible.

Some Du Quoin Modern Improvements



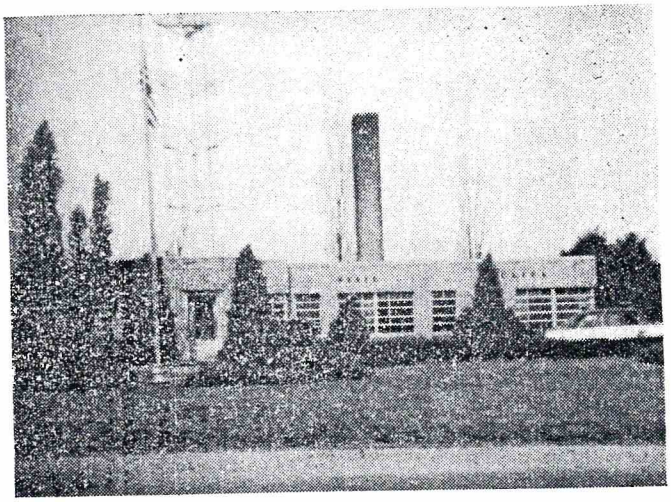
Among the better and most prized institutions of Du-Quoin is the Marshall Browning Hospital. It is one of the outstanding hospitals of Southern Illinois. This seventy-five bed institution has the latest type of equipment and is staffed with thirteen highly qualified physicians. It is operated and controlled by private non-profit corporation, however, the city does contribute some to its financial support.

A Non-Profit Project

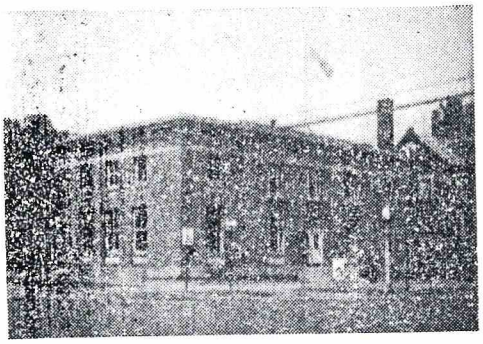
This booklet has been sponsored and published by the Artcraft Printing Company solely for a Centennial souvenir, with no intention of financial profit. It is entirely a non-profit job, and the small price of 25c is being charged to help defray some of the expenses of publication. If every book is sold it will still show no profit, but will only reduce the loss. Since it is for you and your pleasure, we feel sure that every one will be glad to share in the cost of production by paying that small amount for the book. You will perhaps regard it as worth several times the price.

We do wish, however, to thank the Kimmel Lumber Company, The Du Quon State Bank, The Illinois Power Company, The Coca-Cola Bottling Company, The DuQuoin National Bank, The Home Lumber Company and The Du Quoin Packing Company for their material help and contributions toward the cost of publication. Without that help and cooperation we would not have been able to complete the task and to have given you this Centennial souvenir. Also we want to express our thanks to each of you who contribute by buying one or more of the books.

Incidentally, before we go to press more than 400 copies have been sold, some buying as many as 20 and 30 copies each. Agan we thank you.

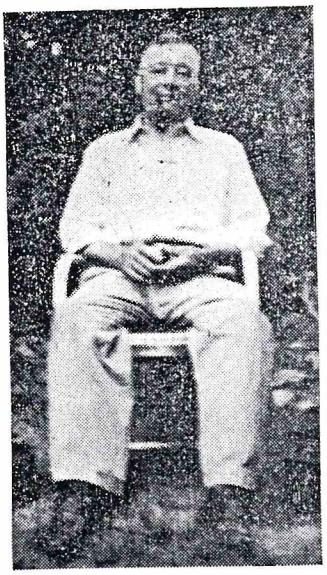


AN IMPORTANT PART OF DU QUOIN is the Illinois State Police Station, located south of the city, which was erected in 1936.



The U. S. Post Office, Du Quoin, erected in 1915.

One of the Many "Old-Timers"



This "Oold-Timer," Mr. Mayor, retired and living now at 107 North Division Street, has seen a lot of service around Du Quoin. He was born in St. John in 1882, was for a number of years an engineer at the old Salt Works, served as Master Mechanic for the Paradise Company, and retired from the Mid West Dairy Products Corporation March 26, 1951.

A SALUTE TO DU QUOIN

We are living in a modern and electric age. It is hard for we who are carrying on today to comprehend what you, who have built Du Quoin and handed it down to us, have gone through, and have had to endure.

But thanks to the ingenious and scientific research of our American people who have enabled us to enjoy the modern convenience of electricity, we are with you for another hundred years of progress.

Illinois Power Company

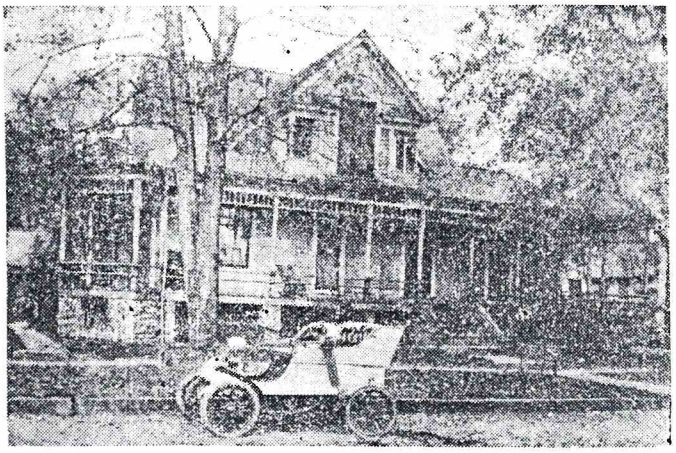
Highlights of a Pioneer Family - - -

THE HALL FAMILY story is a very unique and interesting one, or it was to me as Miss Bess Hall told it. The striking part of it to me is that Bess, who is now 66 years of age and crippled to the extent that she must use a wheel chair, is living in the same house and in the same room in which she was born and in which her father and mother were married. She and her sister, Gussie (Hall) Eddleman, were the only children and are both living in the old homestead, located on South Mulberry Street.

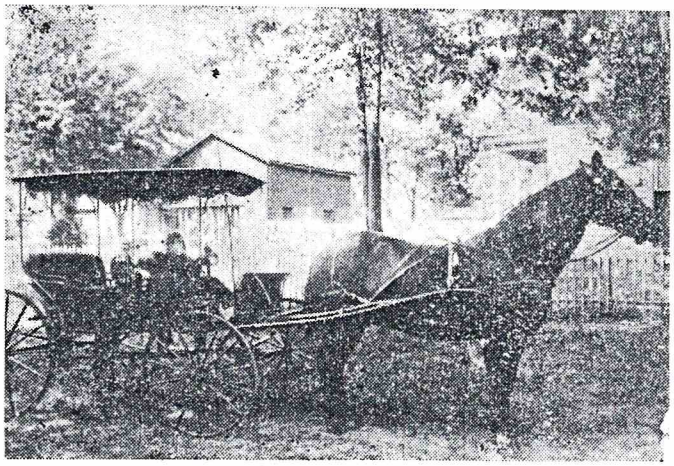
The father, William Butler Hall, or "H. B." as most people will remember him, was born in Mount Vernon, Indiana in 1848. He came to Du Quoin at a very early date and built the home in which he and his wife were married, lived and reared their two children. Mr. Hall was for 40 years employed by the Illinois Central Railroad as Land Commissioner, which job he was holding at the time of his death

The mother, Elizabeth (Emery) Hall, was born about one and one-half miles southwest of Du Quoin on the old McElvain homestead in 1861.

The picture shown on this page is a picture of the old surrey standing in front of the family home and was taken when Gussie and Bess were little girls. They can be seen seated in the surrey. In the other picture is shown the first car, a Cadillac, that was driven on the streets of Du Quoin, parked in front of the Hall Home.



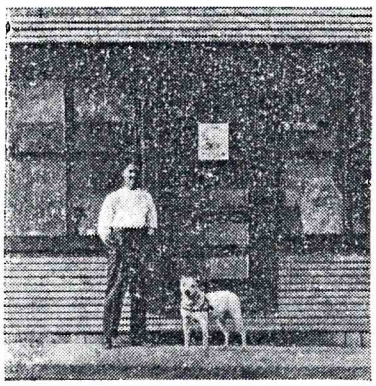
The "Old Homestead" and a Cadillac



Bess and Gussie take a ride in Surrey

Another "Old-Timer" and His Dog

This picture of Mr. William J. Leemon and his dog, "Ruff," was taken some 30 years ago in front of his store building at 516 East Franklin. Mr. Leemon now lives alone at 26 North Division Street.



Thirty Two Years Of Congenial Service

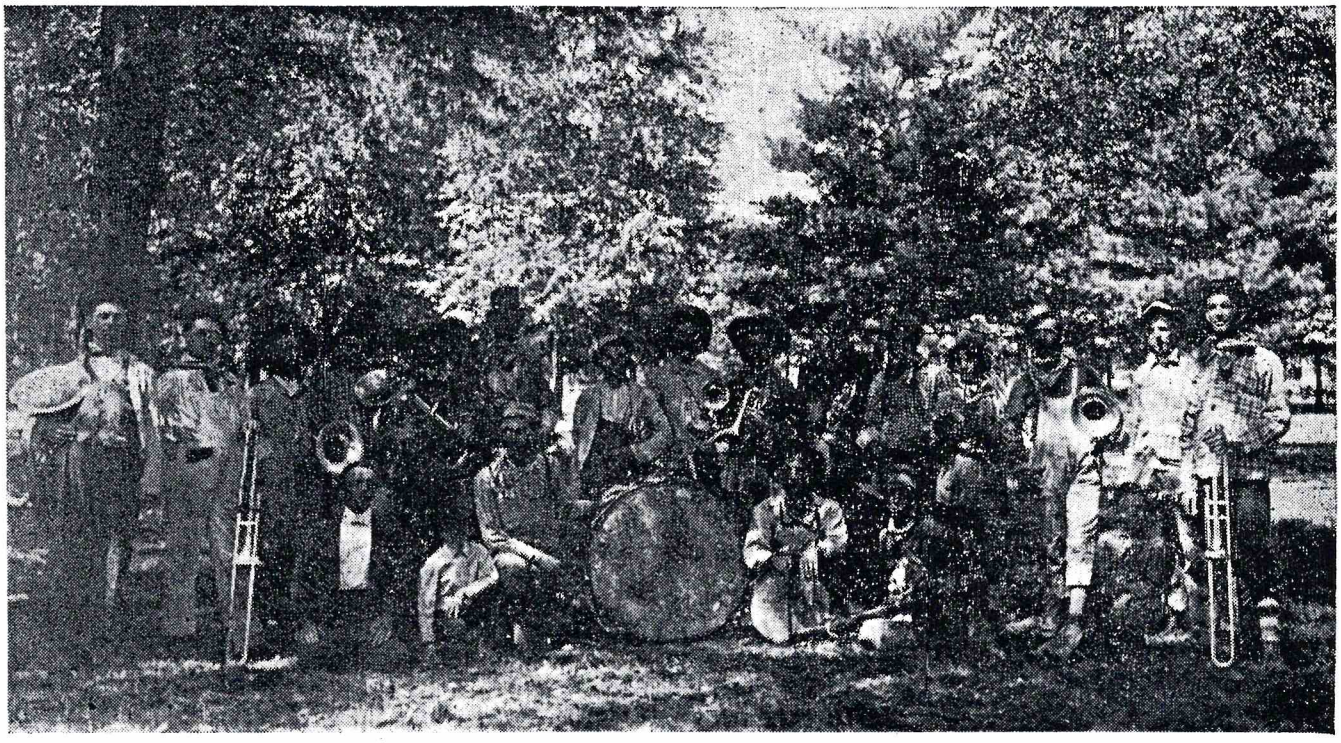
THE HOME LUMBER COMPANY might not be classed as a pioneer business enterprise, but it is and has been a real asset to Du Quoin during its 32 years of service. It was organized in 1921 and has enjoyed a nice career as a business enterprise. Hundreds of people have been helped to own their own home through the congenial, "neighbor-like" policy that has been so outstanding with this firm.

At present the yard is owned and operated by Ray Provart, the manager, with two associate owners of the Provart family.

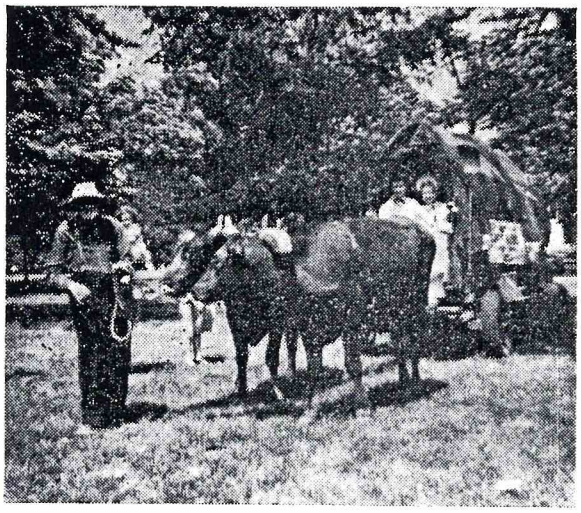
While the lumber yard is not being classed as a pioneer firm it does have many years of friendly useful service and the Provart family is one of the pioneer families of Du Quoin and both they and the buisness firm reflect credit upon Du Quoin's first century of developement.

These statements are not made by the Home Lumber Company for advertising purposes but are made by one who came to Du Quoin only a few months ago, and from impressions gained through business relations as well as hearing and learning of the sentiment of others.

Rogers Military Band — Charles Rogers, Sr., Leader. This photo was taken about 1898. Surviving members of this band include: John L. Davidson, now living in Benton and Charles Rogers, Jr. of Du Quoin. The boy sitting in front of the drum is Du Quoin's present Post Master, Phil G. Barron.



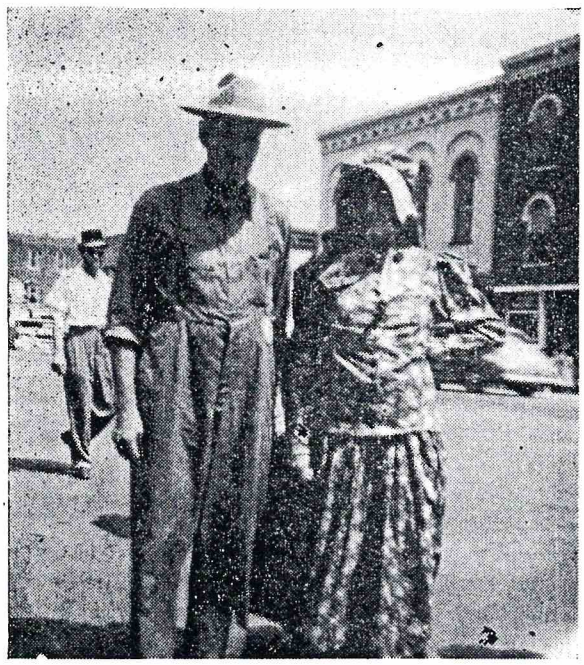
Rogers Orchestra—Charles Rogers, Sr., Leader. This photo was taken about the same time as the one above. The only surviving member living in Du Quoin is Charles Rogers Jr.



JOSEPH N. BROWN, Crossville, Ill.

Mr. Brown is not a citizen of Du Quoin but made the trip here with his Ox Wagon to be in the Memorial Celebration. His presence here with his yoke of oxen was a real contribution to the Celebration. Many people were permitted to see the old ox wagon in operation once again while many, many more saw for the first time this old familiar scene of the past that they had probably heard their parents talk about.

Mr. Brown is 84 years old and stated that he could remember very well the Grant and Greeley Campaign. His team of oxen made the seventeenth yoke he has trained.



MR. AND MRS. PUNDSACK, who operate the frozen food business on North Division, posed in their old attire at the corner of Main and Division for the above picture.

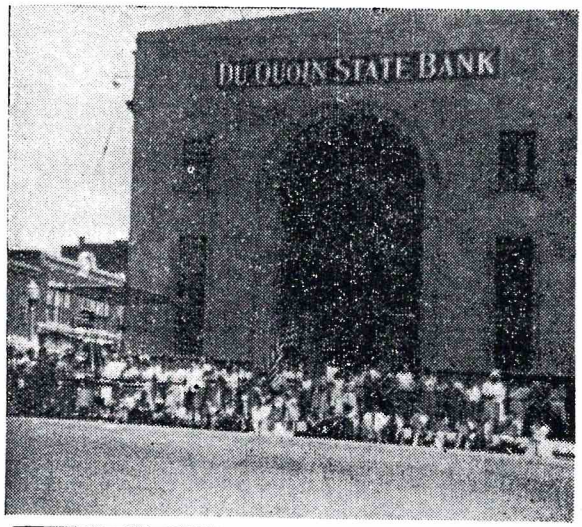
Oldtimers . . .

(Below is a list of some old-time citizens of Du Quoin. We have made considerable effort to get a complete list, but any "old-timer" whose name fails to appear, we trust will realize it was unintentional.)

Mrs. Sevilla Bernett, 720 South Washington
Mrs. George Winn, R. F. D.
Mr. Andrew Mayor, 107 North Division
Miss Bess Hall, 219 South Mulberry
Attorney Judson Harriss, 118 East North
Mrs. Charles Eichhorn, 121 North Hickory
Mrs. Helen Purdy, 218 East North
Mrs. Frank Theobald, 106 East Poplar
Mr. and Mrs. H O. Pope, 340 North Washington
Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Knauer, 418 East Main
Mr. and Mrs. Arch Lehn, 335 East Park
Mrs. Ethel Hayes, 351 East Main Street
Mrs. Ada Crain, 318 East Poplar
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson, 441 East Park
Mrs. Nell Van Keuren, 24 South Mulberry
Mr. Gus Gill, 20 South Mulberry
Mrs. Pearl Roy, 217 South Mulberry
Mr. Frank Schleper, 320 East Park
Miss Lottie Horn, 321 East Main
Mrs. George Croessman, 529 East Main
Mrs. Cimossa, 470 East Park
Mrs. Nina Maclin, 13 South Washington
Mr. and Mrs. Merl Cook, 344 East Poplar
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Collins, 327 East Poplar
Mr. Jacey Axley, 480 East Park
Mr. Maurice Kimmel, 105 Onstott
Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Ross, 124 South Mulberry
Mrs. Eugene Pugh, 302 East North
Mrs. Rose Patrick, 215 South Mulberry
Mrs. Helen Forester, 138 East Perry
Mr. Max Eddelman, 328 East Park
Mr. Malone, 361 East Main
Miss Louretta Owen, 115 South Washington
Mrs. Maude Erwin, 21 North Washington
Mrs. Kate McElvain, 13 Laurel Avenue
Mrs. Sam Mayor, 501 North Hickory
Mrs. Emma Croessman, 411 North Vine
Mrs. William Flauaus, 107 East Perry
Mrs. Mary Fritz, 310 West North
Miss Margaret Moody, 526 East Main
Mrs. Vina Horn, 325 South Division
Mr. Harold Spencer, 318 South Division
Mrs. Susan Hutson, North East Street
Mrs. Susan Morriss, 334 North Vine
Mr. Thomas Mitchell, 134 East Cole
Mr. Edward Flynn, 401 East Keyes
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson, 343 East Poplar Street
Mr. Harold Spencer, 318 South Division
Mr. and Mrs. Orval Eubanks, 531 North Washington
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eaton, 601 East Main Street
Mrs. J. T. Sweatt, 115 North Division Street
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schickedanz, 509 S. Washington
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Schickedanz, 501 Halliday Avenue
Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Jones, 309 S. Washington Street
Mr. John R. Foster, R. F. D. 4
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Eubanks, 356 East Franklin Street
Miss Melli Spencer, 318 South Division

(Additional Old-timers on next page)

Memorial Day Parade



The Memorial Day celebration and parade that was staged by the Centennial General Committee was an outstanding success. Such comments as: "That was the best Du Quoin ever did," "It was great," "That was the best I ever saw," and many other similar comments were heard from nearly everyone. Our personal feelings were that it was perfectly grand. To help us remember and occasionally refresh our minds with the thoughts of the scenes of the day, we are putting some of the outstanding pictures of the celebration on this and ajoining page.

Oldtimers . . .

Mrs. Nora Cook, 122 South Mulberry
Mrs. Elsie Kelly, 347 East Park Street
Mrs. Till Weinberg, 233 East North
Mrs. Amelia Weinberg, 12½ West Main
Mr. William Leemon. 36 North Division
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Provart, 311 East Main
Mr. and Mrs. George Armstrong, 20 North Walnut
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Clark, 630 North Line
Mrs. Gussie Eddleman, 219 South Mulberry
Mrs. Eva Beem, 211½ East Main
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Binbridge, 629 East Main
Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Winters, 404 North Peach
Mr. Frank Davis, 336 East Main
Misses Callie and Allie Thing, R. F. D.
Mrs. Harriette Milligan, 121 East North
Mr. Frank Geiger, 22 West Main
Mrs. Minnie Maiden, 526 South Division
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Linzee, 343 North Washington
Mrs. Gertrude Kimmel, 322 North Washington
Mrs. Lola Kirkpatrick, 326 East Main
Miss Grace Lehn, 230 South Mulberry
Mrs. Maude Halstead, 824 South Jefferson
Miss Alice Burbank, 444 East North
Mr. Roy Duckworth, 407 North Winters Street
Mr. Theo. Gill, 332 North Division
Mrs. Harriette Cook, 726 North Division
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hurt, 124 Parker Avenue
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Parks, 321 East Main
Mrs. Olive Aldridge, 333 East Main
Ex-Mayor A. F. Angel, 517 East Main
Mrs. Mamie Poe, 129 South Washington
Mrs. Louise Kims, 32 Laurel Avenue
Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Williams, 513 Halliday
Mrs. Edward Harriss, 822 South Washington
Mrs. Gertrude Forester, 475 East Park
Mr. Russell Phillipps, 349 North Division
Mrs. Julia Rees, 505 East Roosevelt
Mrs. Pete Kaufmann, 261 Musselman Avenue
Mr. George Coffel, 658 East Park
Mrs. Ellen Blakeslee, 320 East Park
Mrs. Clara Brown, 361 East Main
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Heape, 215 South Washington
Mrs. Davis, 506 North Washington
Mrs. Emma Holden, 341 North Vine Street
Mrs. Rose Lehn, 230 South Mulberry
Mrs. Keturah Kimmel, 371 East Poplar
Mr. Charles Miller, 30 North Washington
Mr. Henry Motsinger, 505 Halliday
Mrs. Harry Ward, 335 East Park
Mrs. Anna Schwinn, 535 East Main
Mr. and Mrs. James Carney, 505 West Main
Miss Nellie Spencer,318 South Division
Mrs. Etta Hill, 361 East Main
Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Morriss, 320 North Vine
Mr. William Woodside, 208½ East Main
Miss Flora Messmore, 326 East Main
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Long, North Peach Street
Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Lustin, South Washington
Mr. Elmer Pyle, 129 South Division Street
Mrs. Ollie Provart, 219 South Division
Mr. Charles Archibald, 413 West Main
Miss Ruth Kimmel, 371 East Poplar
Mr. and Mrs. George Benton, 27 North Illinois

DU QUOIN...

The largest city in Perry County, has the distinction of having a specific birthday, September 20 (1853), according to the historical information that we have. Below is in part, the historical story taken from "History of Perry County by J. Wesley Neville"

"The present city of Du Quoin was laid off on September 20, 1853 by Chester Keyes and Isaac Metcalf. Mr Keyes operated a general store in Old Du Quoin and saw the advantages of a town on the railroad. Metcalf was agent for the I. C. R. R. Company. Many buildings were moved from Old Du Quoin to the new town. The name "Du Quoin" is supposed to have originated from Chief Jean Baptiste Ducoigne, Chief of the Kaskaskia Indians, who helped George Rogers Clark after the capture of Kaskaskia.

Because of the development of the railroad the village of Du Quoin prospered from the beginning. The original owners of the land laid off Main Street and Washington Street 100 feet in width. They also donated an entire block to the city for a park. The land for the Ward School building was also donated by the owners.

Several mills and wagon shops were operated in Du Quoin in the early history of the city. Today these have been replaced by other forms of business. Mining is the principal industry. This is followed by a Midwest Products Corporation and the Du Quoin Packing Company.

Du Quoin has five city schools, namely: John B. Ward, Wheatley, West Park, McKinley, and Lincoln. The Du Quoin Township High School takes care of the secondary education of the pupils. All of these schools are housed in well-kept building. Louis J. T. O'Dell is the present City Superintendent of Schools. Raymond L. Foster is the principal of the high school. A parochial Catholic School, Sacred Heart School, is under the leadership of Father Haffner.

Du Quoin has a large number of churches including: First Baptist, Methodist, Christian, Presbyterian, Evangelical, Catholic, Lutheran, and Church of God. Many of these have comparatively new buildings.

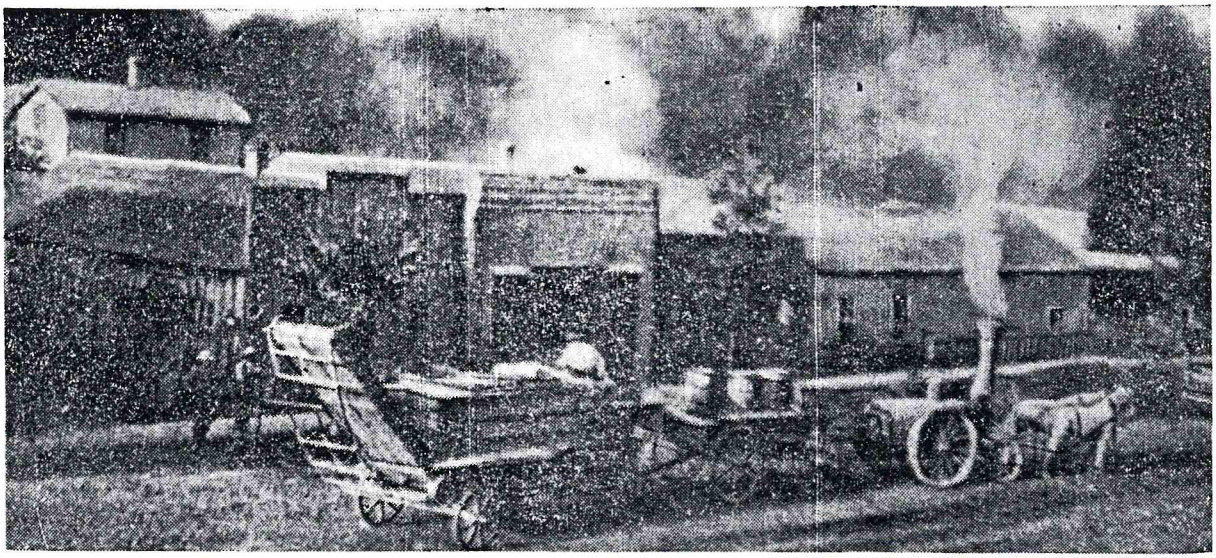
An excellent water and disposal system was erected in 1937. An efficient fire department has kept fire losses at a minimum.

One of the best hospitals in Southern Illinois is located at the north edge of Du Quoin. It is known as Marshall Browning Hospital. It is well equipped and staffed.

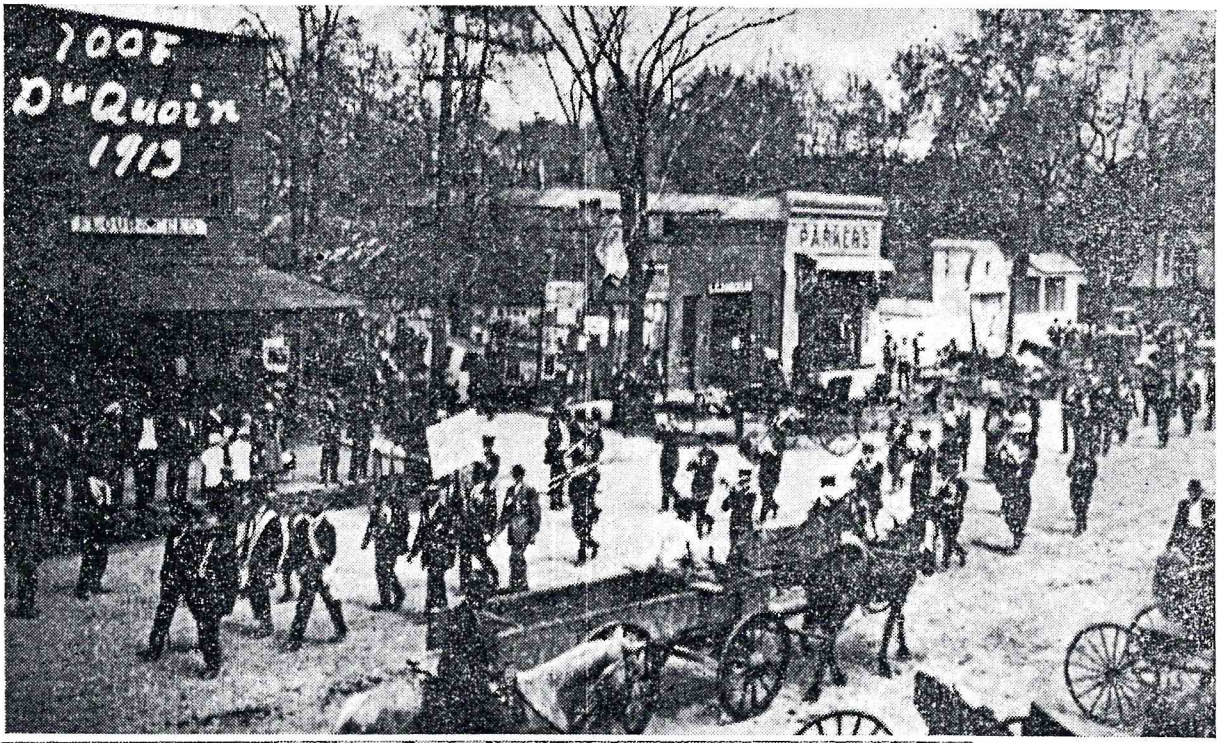
The Du Quoin State Fair Grounds, located just south of Du Quoin, is probably the best in the state. A visit is necessary in order to appreciate it. It is the hobby of William Hayes, the owner of the Du Quoin Bottling Company and Midwest Dairy Products Company. Continuous improvements in grounds and buildings have caused it to be the center of fairs in this state. An excellent mile track can accommodate auto racing as well as grand circuit racing.

Du Quoin is ideally situated for development into a manufacturing city but it still remains mainly rural."

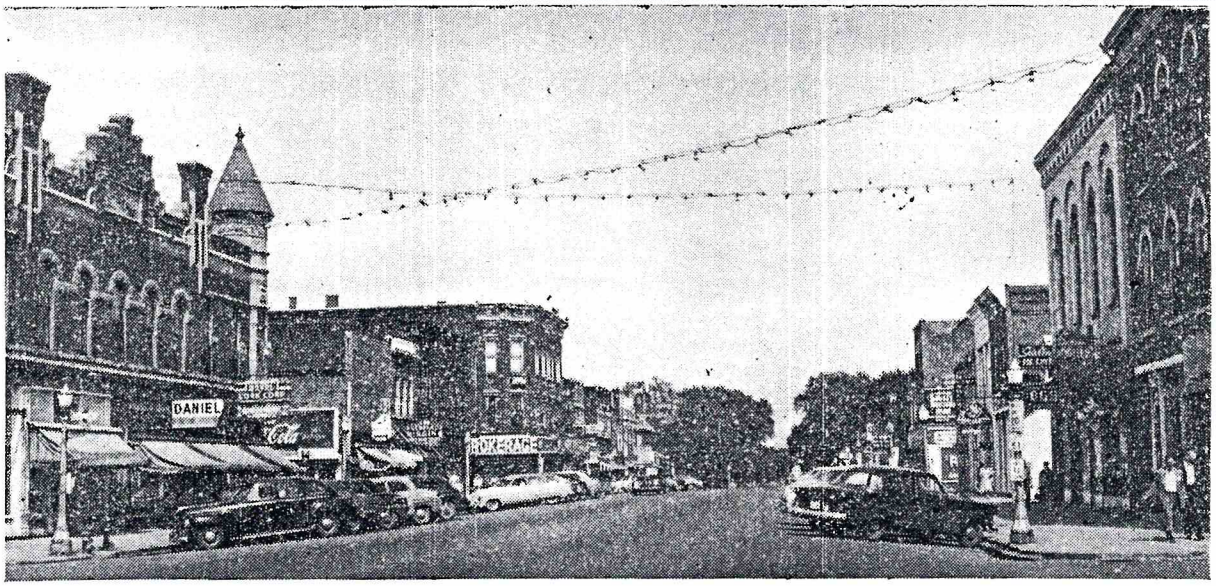
The above historical story of course is incomplete since it was written several years ago and there have been a number of changes and developments since it was written.



Main Street as it looked, looking east from Division in 1885. Perhaps some of you can recall this scene of bygone days and be able to name the buildings.



This picture, taken in 1913 of the Odd Fellows Convention parade is looking east on Main Street from the same viewpoint as the other pictures on this page. The building that has the I. O. O. F. sign is where the Illinois Power Co. is located now.



Looking east on Main street from Division, June 1953. Quite a contrast since 1885.

OLD MAID'S CONVENTION, given by the Methodist Church some 50 years ago, is the subject of the above picture. Miss Rose Lehn, who has passed her ninety-second birthday is the only surviving member. She lives at 230 South Mulberry.

A note of thanks . .

We are really very thankful to you who have been so helpful and cooperative in furnishing the information and the pictures that have enabled us to compile the stories that make up this book. Without your help we could not have done so. The list of contributors is too long for us to mention each name, as we would like very much to do; then too, some names might be overlooked and cause someone to feel badly about it, so we will just say, thanks a million to each and every one of you.

An Inspiration for the Future . . .

THIS BOOKLET has been designed to bring some wholesome pleasures into your homes and lives by recalling some of the pictures and stories of fond memories. It is also hoped that it will be of intense interest and very instructive to those of you who are not permitted to recall and enjoy the many fond memories of bygone days.

CHIEF DU QUOIN

Then, too, we hope and have reason to believe that it will be cherished and treasured by some; that it will be kept and filed among our keepsakes for pleasant hours of "memory living" and enjoyment for ourselves and our posterity throughout the passing years of another century of progress.

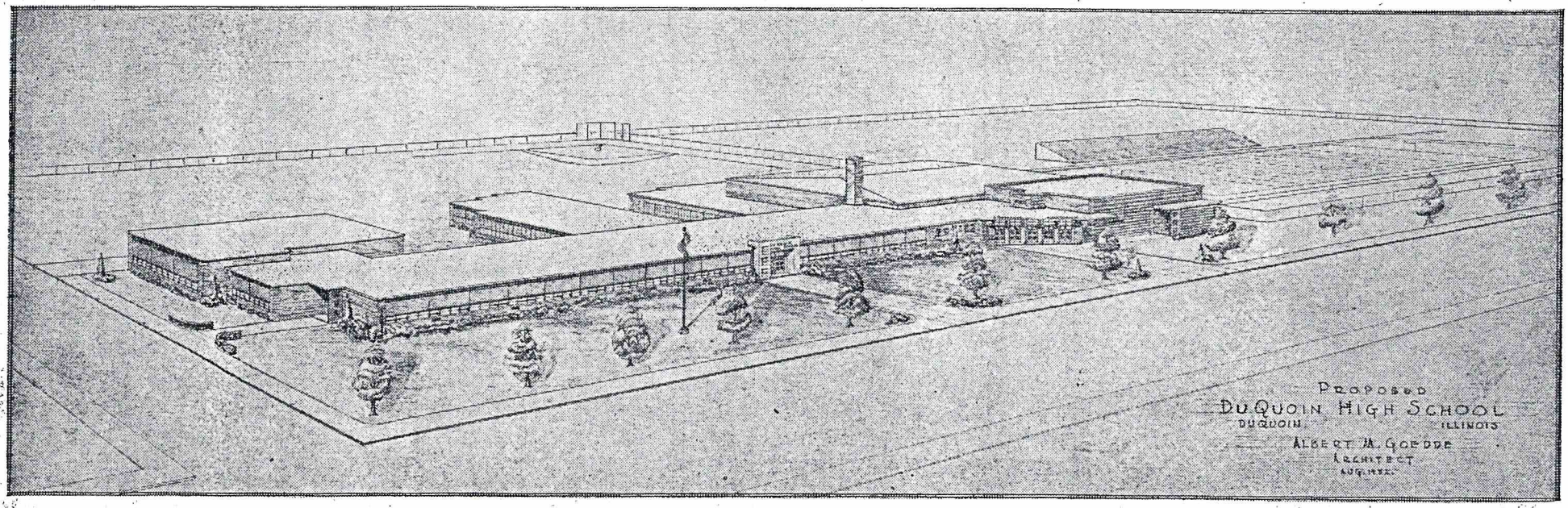
While the book has been devoted to the past 100 years of Du Quoin, a look forward in these closing paragraphs is very fitting. It is pleasant indeed to live, occasionally, for a few hours in the past. Our minds are refreshed and we gain new inspiration, but the past belongs to history; the present and the future is ours. Now that our Centennial is about over—and a splendid job of celebration has been done; we can be proud of Du Quoin's century of progress. Let's let our mind's eye gaze across the span of another century.

As we pass into this second century of progress, Du Quoin stands at the very threshold of industrial development. The opportunities are ours. Industrial enterprises are looking upon Southern Illinois with favorable eyes. They are continually looking for new locations away from the congested areas of the North and East, but there are certain requirements that they must have. Fortunately Du Quoin can meet most of these requirements. We are located right, just a few hours from the larger markets and distribution centers. Ideal transportation facilities are available; we have the grounds and the room; housing and labor can be easily obtained; we have coal in abundance; so let's *look* forward and *go* forward with hope and enthusiasm for a century of greater progress.

We are off to a good start because we have some wide-awake civic organizations that are doing a good job, but more of us need to line up with them and help keep the "old wagon" rolling along.

Already we have at least three industries — The Du Quoin Packing Company, The Coca-Cola Bottling Company and the garment factory—besides a number of lesser industries, all of which we are very proud. It looks definitely certain that Du Quoin is to have a radio broadcasting station in the very near future. In addition, there are some business and industrial institutions—their names we are not permitted to mention — that have definite expansion programs designed to begin in the near future.

All these things should give us renewed courage and faith, and help us to surge forward into the new century with greater confidence.



Congratulations to the Forward Looking Men and Women of Du Quoin

This picture of the new high school building (made from an architectural drawing), construction of which is already underway, marks another step forward in the development of Du Quoin and is a vivid demonstration of the progressiveness of the people of Du Quoin. The project, though opposed by a few, was carried by an overwhelming majority, showing clearly that the people of Du Quoin are alert and ready to push forward to bigger and better things. It would be hard to evaluate the importance and worth of this move, but the people of Du Quoin are certainly worthy of congratulation on this step toward a better education for the future children of this district.

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